

Claims

1. An electrical bracket for mounting an electrical device to a wall stud, said bracket comprising:
 - a rectangular frame having first and second opposite end walls, first and second opposite side walls, and a front opening surrounded by said end walls and side walls for inserting the electrical device into said frame, said frame having an end-mounted position in which said first end wall faces the stud;
 - a fastening structure, connected to said frame, configured to be fastened to the stud when said frame is in said end-mounted position;
 - an extension extending from said first end wall to a location rearward from said side walls;
 - and
 - a stabilizer extending from said extension into abutting contact with the stud at a location rearward from said side walls when said frame is in said end-mounted position.
2. The bracket of claim 1 wherein said abutting contact by said stabilizer is with a side surface of the stud, and said fastening structure extends from said first end wall in a direction away from said second end wall for being fastened to a front surface of the stud.
3. The bracket of claim 1 wherein said extension is a plate extending rearward from, and parallel to, said first end wall.
4. The bracket of claim 1 wherein said stabilizer is a plate that is perpendicular to said first end wall.
5. The bracket of claim 1 wherein said location of said abutting contact is spaced from said first end wall in a direction away from said second end wall so as to space said first end wall from the stud when said frame is in said end-mounted position.

6. An electrical bracket for mounting an electrical device to a wall stud, said bracket comprising:
- a rectangular frame having first and second opposite end walls, first and second opposite side walls, and a front opening surrounded by said end walls and side walls for inserting an electrical device into said frame, said frame having an end-mounted position in which said first end wall faces a side surface of the stud;
 - a fastening tab extending from said first end wall in a direction away from said second end wall and configured to be fastened to a front surface of the stud when said frame is in said end-mounted position; and
 - a spacer extending from said first end wall in a direction away from second end wall, configured to abut the side surface of the stud and space said first end wall from the side surface stud when said frame is in said end-mounted condition.
7. The bracket of claim 6 wherein said spacer is a fastener support configured to capture a stud-penetrating fastener that fastens said bracket to the stud when said frame is in a side-mounted position in which said first side wall faces the stud.
8. The bracket of claim 6 wherein said spacer is configured to abut the side surface of the stud along a transversely extending line of abutment.
9. The bracket of claim 6 further comprising a second such spacer longitudinally spaced apart from said first spacer.
10. The bracket of claim 6 further comprising a second such spacer transversely spaced apart from said first spacer.

11. An electrical bracket for mounting an electrical device to a wall stud, said bracket comprising:
- a rectangular frame having first and second opposite end walls, first and second opposite side walls, and a front opening surrounded by said end walls and side walls for inserting an electrical device into said frame, said frame having an end-mounted position in which said first end wall faces a side surface of the stud and a side-mounted position in which said first side wall faces the side surface of the stud;
 - a fastening tab extending from said first end wall in a direction away from said second end wall, configured to be fastened to a front surface of the stud when said frame is in said end-mounted position; and
 - a fastener support extending from said first end wall in a direction away from said second end wall and configured to capture a stud-penetrating fastener that fastens said bracket to the stud when said frame is in said side-mounted position, said fastener support having a distal end configured to contact the side surface of the stud when said frame is in said end-mounted position.
12. The bracket of claim 11 wherein said fastener support is configured to retain the fastener in an orientation in which the fastener extends alongside said first end wall and into the stud when said frame is in said side-mounted position.
13. The bracket of claim 11 further comprising a stabilizer, separate from said fastener support, extending from said first end wall in a direction away from said second end wall, configured to contact the surface of the stud when said frame is in said end-mounted position to stabilize said frame from rocking about said fastener support relative to the stud.
14. The bracket of claim 13 wherein said fastener support has a groove surface, and said stabilizer is configured to urge the fastener against the groove surface to retain the fastener in said groove surface.
15. The bracket of claim 13 wherein said fastener support and said stabilizer are spaced from each other.

16. An electrical bracket for mounting an electrical device to a wall stud, said bracket comprising:

- a rectangular frame having first and second opposite end walls, first and second opposite side walls, and a front opening surrounded by said end walls and side walls for inserting an electrical device into said frame, said frame having an end-mounted position in which said first end wall faces the stud, a first side-mounted position in which said first side wall faces the stud, and a second side-mounted position in which said second side wall faces the stud;
- an end attachment means for mounting said frame in said end-mounted position;
- a first side attachment means for mounting said frame in said first side-mounted position; and
- a second side attachment means for mounting said frame in said second side-mounted position.